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# ELECTION PROSPECTS IN FRANCE

1. Prospects for December elections in France dimmed by Council of Republic amendment to bill dissolving Assembly:

A. Amendment calls for single-member constituencies.

B. Assembly had rejected similar proposals prior to 3 November debate.

1. Debate in Assembly 9 November expected end in rejection Council proposal.

C. When Council gets bill back for second reading, period of 100 days begins during which bill can be shuttled back and forth every 7 days between both houses before Assembly's will prevails.

1. President of Council has promised

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D. Minister of Interior must have notice by 17 November to hold elections by 18 December.

E. If single-member constituencies adopted, mechanics of redistricting would probably rule out December elections.

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